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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
 (37 CFR 1.121)

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 9, 2004. Please accept the following Amendments to the Claims and Remarks/Arguments in place of those submitted in the Preliminary Amendment of March 25, 2004. The previous Amendment did not account for claims 21 – 30, which had been withdrawn due to a previous restriction requirement. This Response corrects the previous deficiency by correctly renumbering the claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

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 Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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The pending claims, as added and amended, clearly distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that she contact the undersigned at her convenience.

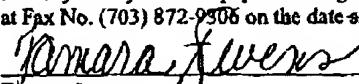
It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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